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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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Director of Communications

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

1. At the request of the Office of Legislative Liaison, comments were prepared on a proposed "Cryptographic Security Bill" which would have codified in law the authority of the Secretary of Defense to issue regulations governing the purchase, use and disposal of cryptographic equipment. We suggested that rather than introduce new legislation, it might be better to modify existing law. We believe this legislative initiative reflects Department of Defense/National Security Agency (DOD/NSA) concern that the declassification of cryptographic equipment may have left DOD/NSA without a solid legal position for regulating the purchase and control of unclassified crypto hardware.

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4. MERCURY Program Office:

25X1 a. The second Network Control Processor for the MERCURY Packet Switching System was delivered and has been installed at the [ ] testbed facility. Additionally, software development work stations were transferred from the M/A-COM Digital Communications Corporation (DCC) factory to the testbed for use by the DCC test and development team which has relocated from Germantown, Maryland to Arlington Hall Station.

b. Work continues to resolve the design problems identified during the External Network Server (ENS) Detailed Design Review that was held in December. A meeting is scheduled for the week of 6 January to address each issue. None of the design problems are expected to have any functional or schedule impact on the ENS.

5. There were no requirements to provide communications support to senior U.S. Government executives during the reporting period.

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